Student Disciplinary Records

As part of NCLB, all states are required to assure the federal government that they have a state law to mandate that a student's disciplinary record follows the student to any new school. In Iowa the assurance is via Iowa Code section 279.9A. This law requires that "an accurate record of any suspension or expulsion actions taken, and the basis for those actions taken," be reported to a school to which the student transfers or seeks to transfer. This section applies to both nonpublic schools and districts.

This agency's interpretation of 279.9A is that all expulsions and out-of-school suspensions must be reported. It is left to the discretion of the school or school district that imposes an in-school suspension whether to include such disciplinary records in what it sends to the student's next school.